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Empire to another has been of national and economic importance, and to it is due the solution of the agrarian question in the older parts of Japan. The movement has meant, in a general way, the distribution of lands adapted for cultivation. It has been the policy to induce agriculturists and others living in the congested parts of Japan to settle in unoccupied or in thinly peopled areas. The details of this policy have been changed from time to time but the policy itself has been promoted by the Government for centuries. Dr. Takaoka traces the history of the movement as far back as the records permit. His able monograph is a valuable contribution to the study of some of the economic results due to the re-distribution, to some extent, of the Japanese people in their home territory.

Mit Lord Kitchener gegen den Mahdi. Von Adolf von Tiedemann.
206 pp., five portraits and two sketch maps. C. A. Schwetschke & Son, Berlin, 1906. (Price, M. 4.)

Major von Tiedemann, a Prussian Staff officer, accompanied Lord Kitchener in his campaign against the Mahdi. He gives many interesting and important incidents of the journey up the Nile and of the great battle in which the Mahdi was defeated and Omdurman was captured. His series of sketches is taken from the letters, diary and reports he wrote at the time.

Geographical Gleanings. By the Rev. F. R. Burrows. 75 pp.
George Philip & Son, London, 1906. (Price, 1s. 6d.)

This book brings together facts that are likely to help teachers of geography. In Part 1 the author expresses his views on the great value of geography as a school subject. In Part 2 he arranges the order in which he believes a teacher should study the many cognate sciences before taking up class work; and offers suggestions for work in the school.

Leitfaden der Erdkunde für höhere Lehranstalten. Von Dr. Adolf Pahde. (1 Heft: Unterstufe.) vii and 69 pp., 11 Maps and Diagrams. Carl Flemming, Glogau, 1906. (Price, M. 0.60.)

This is the first of Dr. Pahde's text-books, which are designed to give more scientific presentation of geography preparatory to University courses than has been done in many text-books.

The San Francisco Earthquake and Fire. By A. L. A. Himmelwright, C. E. The Roebling Construction Company, New York, 1906.

This quarto volume presents many facts and phenomena relating to the earthquake and fire which devastated San Francisco. The book is written with special reference to the efficiency of building materials and some lessons are drawn from the disaster. There are copious illustrations, with exterior and interior views of earthquake and fire results.